

BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

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Chicago Field Division

10-7-53 Date

Title and Character of Case:

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
TOPLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
CG 5824 - S

Date Property Acquired:

Listed on individual envelopes.

Source From Which Property Acquired:

Listed on individual envelopes.

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:

Office of Security Supervisor.

Reason for Retention of Property and
Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:

Retain indefinitely

Description of Property or Exhibit and
Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

Transferred from 1A.

- Placed in 1A*
1. Interview notes of 4-21-52.
 2. Childs interview notes 4-18-52.
 3. Notes re interview 4-23-52.
 4. 1952 Tax Return and work papers.
 5. Agents interview notes for 9-10-53.
 6. 9-16-53 Agent interview notes.
 7. 9-25-53 Agent interview notes.

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CP, USA-TOPLEV, ISC. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S. REBUTEL APRIL TEN LAST IN CAPTIONED MATTER AUTHORIZING NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S TO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT MORRIS CHILDS. ON APRIL FIFTEEN INSTANT NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S WAS INTERVIEWED BY SAS ROBERT C. BURNS AND JOHN H. KLEINKAUF AND ADVISED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED TWO LETTERS FROM MORRIS CHILDS INDICATING THAT CHILDS IS PRESENTLY IN A SUIT-ABLE FRAME OF MIND WHICH WOULD MAKE HIM RECEPTIVE TO A CONTACT BY BUREAU AGENTS. INFORMANT IN PRESENCE OF INTERVIEWING AGENTS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED CHILDS AND DISCUSSED WITH HIM THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS BEING CONTACTED BY SA FREYMAN OF THE CHICAGO OFFICE. CHILDS ADVISED INFORMANT THAT HE WOULD RECEIVE FREYMAN ON A WARM BASIS. CHILDS EXPRESSED THE DESIRE THAT THE INITIAL MEETING BE HELD ON A PURELY SOCIAL LEVEL IN ORDER THAT HE COULD BECOME WILL ACQUAINTED WITH FREYMAN. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE WANTED TO BE ASSURED OF ONE HUNDRED PER CENT SECURITY IN HIS DEALINGS WITH FREYMAN SO THAT HIS

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IDENTITY AND THE INFO HE MIGHT FURNISH COULD NOT BE TRACED TO HIM. CHILDS ALSO STRESSED THE NECESSITY OF ARRANGING INTERVIEWS TO FIT IN WITH HIS PHYSICAL CONDITION. CHILDS ALSO STRESSED THAT HE WOULD ONLY CONSENT TO SUCH INTERVIEWS ON A HIGH POLITICAL LEVEL AND THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO DEAL WITH MATTERS OF A TRIVIAL NATURE. IN THE CONVERSATION CHILDS ALSO ADVISED INFORMANT THAT HE RECENTLY HAD A LETTER FROM LENA SCHERER, WIFE OF MARCEL SCHERER, CO-ORDINATOR OF THE NATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE FOR PEACE, WHO STATED THAT A GROUP OF CP MEMBERS ARE TO BE "KICKED OUT" OF THE CP IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. SHE ~~XXX~~ NAMED WILLIAM LAWRENCE, FORMER SECRETARY OF THE NY STATE CP, HARRY HAYWOOD, FORMER MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO, MARCEL SCHERER AND HERSELF AS BEING SOME OF THE INDIVIDUALS TO BE "KICKED OUT". INFORMANT ADVISED CHILDS THAT HE COULD EXPECT A TELEPHONE CALL FROM FREYMAN WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO AND THAT FREYMAN WOULD THEN ARRANGE TO PERSONALLY CONTACT HIM AT HIS PARENTHESIS CHILDS END (S)(OF) PARENTHESIS CONVENIENCE. CHICAGO IN ITS CONTACTS WITH CHILDS SHOULD BE EVER ALERT SO THAT HE WILL NOT BECOME AWARE THAT THE INFORMANT IS FURNISHING INFO TO THE NYO OR IS IN CONTACT WITH AGENTS OF THE NYO EXCEPT IN CONNECTION WITH THE BUREAU-S INTEREST IN THE PHOTOGRAPHIC LAMPS MANUFACTURED BY INFORMANT-S FIRM. ALSO, NO INFO FURNISHED BY CHILDS TO INFORMANT AND REPORTED TO CHICAGO UNDER COMMUNICATIONS CAPTIONED "NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S" SHOULD BE ~~EX~~ DISCUSSED OR REVEALED TO CHILDS IN ANY MANNER SO AS TO DISCLOSE THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT. CHICAGO SHOULD PROMPTLY ADVISE BUREAU ~~XX~~ AND NY RESULTS OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DEVELOPMENTS.

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DECODED BY J.D. GIBSON

SAC H. T. O'CONNOR

April 16, 1952

SA W. RULON PAXMAN

CP, USA - TOPLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

MORRIS CHILDS w.a.s
SECURITY MATTER - C

In a telephone conversation beginning at 4:34 p.m.
4-15-52 SA JOHN H. KLEINKAUF of the New York office
furnished the following information to the writer:

New York is sending a teletype to the Director and
Chicago pertaining to developments in instant matter.
NY-694-S called MORRIS CHILDS at about 1 p.m. EST,
April 15, 1952. At this time the informant discussed
with MORRIS CHILDS the possibility of MORRIS CHILDS
being contacted by Agent CARL N. FREYMAN of the Chi-
cago office. It is to be noted that the informant
used the pronunciation FREEMAN in his telephone call
to MORRIS CHILDS.

MORRIS CHILDS advised the informant that he would be
willing to receive SA FREYMAN on a friendly basis and
the informant told MORRIS CHILDS that FREYMAN would
contact him telephonically within the next day or two.

Prior to the telephone call to MORRIS CHILDS, the in-
formant exhibited a couple of letters to New York
agents on which the informant had based the idea that
MORRIS CHILDS would be receptive to an interview by
Bureau agents.

It was suggested by SA KLEINKAUF that the initial
contacts with CHILDS be on a "social level". He also
advised that MORRIS CHILDS had expressed the desire
that one hundred percent security be achieved in con-
nection with the contacts of SA FREYMAN with MORRIS
CHILDS. MORRIS CHILDS also advised the informant that
it would be necessary for any contacts between MORRIS
CHILDS and SA FREYMAN to fit in with the physical con-
dition of MORRIS CHILDS.

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MORRIS CHILDS also stated to the informant that he was consenting at this time to discuss matters only of a high political value and was not consenting to being contacted with respect to ordinary members of the Communist Party.

SA KLEINKAUF specifically requested that in connection with all contacts with MORRIS CHILDS, SA FREYMAN be particularly alert to the danger that MORRIS CHILDS might become aware that NY-694-S was furnishing information to the Bureau. He stated that MORRIS CHILDS is under the impression that the contacts of the informant with the Bureau are entirely of a business nature and nothing must be done, said, or intimated which would cause MORRIS CHILDS to think otherwise. In this respect SA KLEINKAUF requested that information furnished by NY-694-S not be used as a basis of discussion with MORRIS CHILDS unless it can be done in such a manner as to definitely indicate that the information was obtained from some source other than NY-694-S.

According to SA KLEINKAUF, there has been no definite commitment made to MORRIS CHILDS that he would not be interviewed by more than one agent of the Bureau. SA KLEINKAUF advised that the New York office has assumed that there would probably be another agent present during contacts with MORRIS CHILDS. He stated that the informant and the New York office have no objection to 2 men being present. SA KLEINKAUF stated, however, that it would probably be advisable for SA FREYMAN to contact MORRIS CHILDS without being accompanied by another agent during the first several contacts. He said, however, that this was something for the Chicago office to decide and that it was entirely all right to determine MORRIS CHILDS' attitude in this regard at the time SA FREYMAN first calls MORRIS CHILDS by indicating that another agent would accompany SA FREYMAN and then acting in accordance with MORRIS CHILDS' reaction.

telephone

SA KLEINKAUF suggested that in the first contact with MORRIS CHILDS no reference to the Bureau be made but that rather MORRIS CHILDS be advised of the name of the person calling and then a reference be made to the telephone call that MORRIS CHILDS had received from New York on April 15, 1952.

SA KLEINKAUF suggested that judging from the difficulties encountered in gaining the complete confidence of the informant, it would probably be advisable for the first two or three contacts with MORRIS CHILDS to be in the form of "bull sessions" rather than in the form of interviews seeking actual information from MORRIS CHILDS. SA KLEINKAUF stated that it had been found with NY-694-S that a "warming up period" was necessary in connection with many of the initial contacts and that it has only been in the recent two or three contacts that it has been possible for agents of the New York office to immediately get down to business without a warm-up session with the informant.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC H. T. O'CONNOR

DATE: April 19, 1952

FROM : SA CARL N. FREYMAN

SUBJECT: MORRIS CHILDS
CG-5824-S

Reference is made to Chicago teletype to the Bureau and New York of April 18, 1952, entitled "CP, USA, TOPLEV, IS-C; MORRIS CHILDS, SM-C", wherein the Bureau was advised of the contact of CHILDS made by the writer on April 18, 1952 at which time CHILDS indicated a willingness to discuss his activities as a national official of the Communist Party and as a Communist Party member and student at the Lenin School.

It is noted that referenced teletype advised the Bureau that CHILDS is presently in bad physical condition due to a heart ailment and complications and for that reason subsequent interviews would necessarily have to be conducted at times when CHILDS' health was such as he could speak to the agent.

On April 19, 1952 the writer telephonically contacted CHILDS at his residence to inquire concerning his health following the interview of April 18, 1952. CHILDS was friendly and appreciative of the call and told the agent that he had suffered a severe physical and mental reaction as a result of the contact. He advised the writer that this condition commonly occurred after he had had company or otherwise engaged in rather lengthy conversation and for that reason he told the agent that he should not feel that his interview had caused his present physical condition. CHILDS at the same time advised that as a result of many such attacks over a period of several years and particularly since the agent impressed upon him the keen interest of the Bureau in matters pertaining to information in his possession, he felt that interviews with the writer should be conducted as rapidly as possible because, as he put it, he wanted to give the information to the Bureau for whatever action was deemed advisable before something might happen to him due to his physical condition. For that reason he asked the agent to contact him on the morning of April 21, 1952 to determine

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whether or not he is in condition to be interviewed on that date. The agent raised the question with CHILDS as to his feeling with regard to making available to him the use of a dictaphone in order that he might record such matters as occurred to him at times when his physical condition permitted him to speak. CHILDS' reaction to the suggestion was favorable but he made the comment that he would prefer to use a tape or wire recorder because it was easy to operate and he was familiar with its operation. He commented further that approximately a month ago he had requested his brother in New York (NY-694-S) to, if possible, make such a recorder available for his use but to date his brother had been unsuccessful in obtaining same. The agent told CHILDS that he would explore the possibilities locally and would discuss the matter in greater detail on the occasion of his next visit.

Following the above conversation the agent made independent inquiries in the office concerning the advisability of using the dictaphones available in this office. It was determined that the dictaphones can be used to record approximately five typewritten pages of conversation which in length of time would record approximately one-half hour of dictation. There are certain complications in the use of such equipment, particularly in reference to use by an individual who is not familiar with its operation. CHILDS has indicated that he is not familiar with the operation of dictaphone equipment and has expressed preference for the use of a wire recorder. It is possible that such equipment if furnished to CHILDS would possibly be satisfactory to him. The question as to whether the dictaphone equipment presently available to this office should be made available to CHILDS is a matter for the determination of the SAC. It is believed that if the Bureau or the SAC do not desire the office equipment to be used by CHILDS, that this equipment could possibly be rented for a nominal sum from an office supply house.

It is the belief of the agent that the only reason for the use of recording equipment of any type insofar as CHILDS is concerned would be to have it available to him at all times when he would be physically fit to

use the equipment and that the equipment should be furnished him for his use on a 24 hour basis rather than on a basis of the time during which the interviews are conducted by the agent.

With regard to the use of the wire or tape recorder, the writer has determined that no such equipment is available in the office. The writer consulted SA HAGGERTY who advised that he has a relative who is in a position to possibly supply the Webcor Wire Recorder in the event such equipment is desired for rental purposes. SA HAGGERTY advised that he is familiar with the operation of this equipment and stated that it is easy to operate and portable. It is the opinion of SA HAGGERTY that the wire recorder has definite advantages that are not present in the use of dictaphone equipment in connection with the uses contemplated by CHILDS.

It should be noted that if authority is obtained for the use of a wire recorder by CHILDS on a 24 hour basis, that it will be necessary to rent an additional unit for the use of the office for transcription purposes.

The matter of security has been given attention and it is believed that insofar as visitors to CHILDS' residence are concerned, that adequate security can be provided. He has told the writer that in approximately a year and a half of his residence in Chicago he has been visited by only two national functionaries of the Communist Party. These individuals telephonically contacted him prior to their visit to his residence. In the event CHILDS would have such visitors his housing quarters are amply adequate to handle the safety of such equipment.

It is believed that if Bureau authority is obtained to provide CHILDS with either the dictaphone or a wire recorder, that such equipment could either be rented by CHILDS or by the agent personally without any security risks. In the event an office dictaphone is provided to CHILDS, it is believed that the serial numbers identifying the equipment with this office could be removed and that thusly security would be provided.

The writer contemplated contacting CHILDS at approximately 9 a.m. on April 21, 1952 and if his health is such that he can be interviewed, the writer will immediately proceed to his residence.

It is the suggestion of the writer that it might be advisable for the agent to have a definite statement from the Bureau regarding the possibility of securing such equipment at the time of the next interview of CHILDS.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Chicago, Illinois
April 21, 1952

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

DIRECTOR FBI ATTN: A. H. BELMONT

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CP, USA, TOPLEV. IS, C. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE
DASH THIRTYNINE. MORRIS CHILDS. SM, C. RE CHICAGO TEL
APRIL TWENTYONE INSTANT. CHILDS CONTACTED AT HIS RESIDENCE
AT HIS REQUEST THIS DATE TEN FIFTEEN AM TO ONE THIRTY PM.
DISCUSSION CENTERED ON FOLLOWING POINTS: ONE, HIS PRESENT
HEALTH AND POSSIBILITIES FOR AT LEAST PARTIAL RECOVERY/
WITH THE AID OF EXPERT MEDICAL ATTENTION; TWO, THE POSSI-
BILITY OF HIS ASSISTING THE BUREAU IN THE FUTURE ON THE BASIS
OF HIS POSSIBLE REACTIVATION IN CP LEADERSHIP IF HIS HEALTH
IMPROVES, OR, THREE, IF HIS HEALTH DOES NOT IMPROVE, THEN
WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD AGREE NOT TO OPENLY BREAK WITH THE
PARTY AND TO WORK WITH THE BUREAU AS BEST HE CAN UNDER THE
CIRCUMSTANCES. ON POINT ONE CHILDS ADVISED HE HAS RECEIVED
EXCELLENT MEDICAL ATTENTION FROM TOP HEART SPECIALISTS BUT
HE HAS NOT SEEN A DR. BECK OF CLEVELAND WHO IS CONSIDERED
THE BEST IN THE FIELD FOR CHILDS' AILMENT. HE ADVISED
THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF SLOW IMPROVEMENT IN HIS HEALTH
WITHOUT ADDITIONAL MEDICAL ATTENTION. CHILDS INDICATED HE
WOULD BE AMENABLE TO ANY MEDICAL AID THAT MIGHT IMPROVE HIS

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

HEALTH BUT ONLY AFTER A PROPER COVER FOR EXPENSES INVOLVED WAS OBTAINED. ON POINT TWO CHILDS AGREED TO ASSIST THE BUREAU IF POSSIBLE IN THE FUTURE. HE ADVISED THAT THE FIRST THING TO DETERMINE IN THAT CONNECTION IS THE PRESENT PARTY NATIONAL LEADERSHIP FEELING TOWARD HIM SINCE HE HAS CONVEYED HIS PRESENT ANTI RUSSIAN VIEWS TO SOME IMPORTANT CP PEOPLE WHOM HE TRUSTS. HE ADVISED THERE IS ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS INFO WAS CONVEYED TO PRESENT NATIONAL CP LEADERSHIP IN WHICH CASE IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO REACTIVATE. IF CHILDS DETERMINES THROUGH DISCREET INQUIRY THAT THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IS NOT HOSTILE TO HIM, A DEFINITE PROGRAM OF ACTION WILL BE WORKED OUT AND HE WILL BE WILLING TO COOPERATE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH HIS HEALTH. LETTER FOLLOWS.

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Mr. McMahon
Mr. Murphy
Mr. Ryan
Mr. Schneider
Miss Dunkle
Mrs. Dolan
Miss Gray
Miss Ryan
Miss Woodruff
Leave Clerk
Supply Clerk
Mr. Dennis

CHICAGO 19 FROM WASH DC 2

9-51PM

SBC

URGENT

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, TOPLEV, IS DASH C. CG DASH FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. RE PREVIOUS LETS DEVELOPMENT THIS INFORMAT. NEW YORK SHOULD ASCERTAIN THROUGH AVAILABLE SOURCES POSSIBILITY OF INFORMANT BEING REACTIVATED IN HIGH PARTY CIRCLES. NEW YORK SHOULD ALSO GENERALLY ADVISE NY DASH SIX NINE FOUR DASH S THAT HIS BROTHER IS COOPERATING AND MAY ATTEMPT TO REACTIVATE HIMSELF IN PARTY AFFAIRS ON BEHALF OF BUREAU. NY DASH SIX NINE FOUR DASH S SHOULD BE CAUTIONED TO KEEP THIS INFORMATION STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. CHICAGO IS AUTHORIZED TO BEGIN PAYMENTS TO INFORMANT AT RATE OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER WEEK EFFECTIVE APRIL TWENTY ONE FOR PERIOD TWO MONTHS AND CONTINUE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR INFORMANT. CHICAGO SHOULD HANDLE DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMANT IN MANNER INDICATED IN RELETS AND IMPRESS UPON INFORMANT THE FACT THAT SAC CHICAGO IS OFFICIAL BUREAU REPRESENTATIVE IN THAT AREA, AND THERE IS NO NEED FOR HIM TO MEET WITH TOP OFFICIAL IN WASHINGTON.

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10:40 am 5/5/52
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INFORMANT MAY BE ADVISED IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE REACTIVATED, EXPENSES
WILL BE PAID FOR HIM TO GO TO FLORIDA AND SO INFOMXXX INFORM HIS
WIFE AND SON. CONTINUE CLOSE HANDLING OF INFORMANT, AND NEW YORK
SHOULD EXPEDITE EFFORTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER INFORMANT CAN BE REACTIVA-
TED. KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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CPUSA, TOPLEV, IS, C. RE CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S. RE CHICAGO
TEL TO BUREAU AND NY DATED MAY TWO AND NEW YORK TEL TO BUREAU
AND CHICAGO DATED MAY THREE. FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS ARE SET
OUT FOR CHICAGO REGARDING FOUR POINTS RAISED IN RETEL. ONE,
NO COMMITMENT SHOULD BE MADE TO INFORMANT HE WILL NOT BE
USED AS WITNESS. HOWEVER, HE SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT BUREAU
WOULD NOT CONSIDER USING HIM IN INSIGNIFICANT CASE OR IN AN
IMPORTANT CASE PROVIDING INFORMATION HE IS PRODUCING OUTWEIGHS
HIS USE AS WITNESS. HE SHOULD BE MADE TO CLEARLY UNDERSTAND
HIS USE AS WITNESS WOULD ALWAYS BE WEIGHED AGAINST VALUE OF
INFORMATION BEING PRODUCED BY HIM. TWO, NEW YORK OFFICE SHOULD
IMMEDIATELY CONTACT NY SIX NINE FOUR S AND ARRANGE TO PROVIDE
HIM WITH NECESSARY EXPENSES FOR IMMEDIATE TRIP TO CHICAGO AND
RETURN TO NEW YORK. NY SIX NINE FOUR S SHOULD BE URGED TO
MAKE THIS TRIP AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. THREE, CHICAGO
PREVIOUSLY INSTRUCTED TO PAY INFORMANT AT RATE OF ONE HUNDRED
DOLLARS PER WEEK EFFECTIVE APRIL TWENTYONE FOR PERIOD OF TWO
MONTHS. PAYMENTS TO INFORMANT CAN BE INCREASED CONSISTENT
WITH HIS ABILITY TO PRODUCE INFORMATION OF VALUE AND TO RE
ACTIVATE HIMSELF INTO PARTY. INFORMANT MUST BE MADE TO TRY

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REALIZE AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS RECEIVED WILL DEPEND ON HIS ABILITY TO PRODUCE INFORMATION OF VALUE. FOUR, CHICAGO SHOULD ARRANGE FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND SHOULD ARRANGE TO REIMBURSE INFORMANT FOR DOCTOR'S FEE. INFORMANT SHOULD BE ADVISED, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO PAY FOR HOSPITALIZATION AND CORRECTIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT WHEN HE HAS DEMONSTRATED HIS ABILITY TO FURNISH INFORMATION OF VALUE AND REACTIVATE HIMSELF INTO PARTY. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE CHICAGO OFFICE, THE BUREAU CONSIDERS CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S TO BE A POTENTIAL INFORMANT OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE. WHILE EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE EXERTED TO CONTINUE HIS DEVELOPMENT, CARE MUST BE EXERCISED IN ORDER TO INSURE BUREAU OBTAINS VALUE RECEIVED FOR EXPENDITURES MADE. KEEP BUREAU PROMPTLY ADVISED RE THIS MATTER.

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☐ Mr. Dennis
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ATTENTION - ASST. DIR. A.H. BELMONT.

CP, USA, TOPLEV., IS - C. CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. REMYTEL
 MAY FOUR LAST. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S ADVISED THIS DATE HE HAS
 RESERVATIONS LEAVING NYC FOR CHICAGO ON AMERICAN AIR LINES FLIGHT
 LEAVING NYC SEVEN AM MAY SIX NEXT. INFORMANT HAS RETURN RESERVATION
 LEAVING CHICAGO FOR NYC TWO PM MAY SEVEN NEXT. INFORMANT HAS BEEN
 GIVEN ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS TO COVER COST OF TRANSPORTATION AND
 OTHER EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH TRIP TO CONFER WITH CG FIVE EIGHT
 TWO FOUR DASH S.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
APRIL 29, 1952

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, NEW YORK ATTENTION: A. H. BELMONT
CP, USA, TOPLEV, IS DASH C. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE
DASH NINE NINE; MORRIS CHILDS, SECURITY MATTER DASH C. A
FIVE AND ONE HALF HOUR DISCUSSION HELD WITH CAPTIONED SUBJECT
ON APRIL TWENTY EIGHT LAST. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON GENERAL
OVERALL PROBLEMS INVOLVED RE REACTIVATION AND POLICY ON
GENERAL BROAD NATIONAL CP ACTIVITIES, INDIVIDUAL PERSONALITIES
IN NATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERSHIP, AND ON MARXIST
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN RUSSIA. CHILDS SAID THAT IT IS
HIS PRESENT INTENTION TO FURNISH BUREAU ALL INFORMATION IN
HIS POSSESSION AND THAT IT IS HIS HOPE THAT AN UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE BUREAU AND HIM CAN BE WORKED OUT SO SATISFACTORILY
THAT AT NO TIME WILL HE COME TO A POINT WHERE HE WILL FEEL
THAT HE MUST WITHHOLD ANY INFORMATION. IT IS BELIEVED THAT
CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS TO BUILD UP HIS CONFIDENCE IN THE BUREAU
HAS BEEN MADE BUT THAT AT LEAST ONE OR TWO ADDITIONAL GENERAL
DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE HELD PRIOR TO INTERVIEW ON SPECIFIC
MATTERS. HE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO VISIT WIFE AND SON IN FLORIDA
IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS IF HEALTH PERMITS IN ORDER THAT HE CAN LAY
GROUNDWORK FOR EXPLANATION TO THEM RE POSSIBLE FUTURE OPEN
ACTIVITIES. HE HAS ADOPTED REALISTIC APPROACH TO SUBJECT OF

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Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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MONETARY CONSIDERATION AND BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE
WHETHER RECOMMENDATIONS SET OUT IN CHICAGO LETTER OF APRIL
TWENTY FIVE LAST RE PAYMENT TO INFORMANT IS AUTHORIZED.

CHILDS' PHYSICAL CONDITION ON TERMINATION OF INTERVIEW WAS
NOT GOOD; HOWEVER, IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ON MORNING
OF APRIL TWENTY NINE HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS BETTER. NEXT
INTERVIEW TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MAY ONE NEXT. LETTER
FOLLOWS.

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May 1, 1952

SAC, Chicago (66-4216)

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The fourth discussion with CG-5824-S was held at the informant's residence beginning at 10:35 AM on April 28, 1952. The informant met SA CARL N. FREYMAN at the door and was friendly and the first part of the meeting was conducted in the informant's bedroom. He indicated that he had a restful night and that his health of recent date had given him some encouragement for the future.

The agent asked the informant whether there were any questions or suggestions that he desired to propound. He advised that his problems were about the same and he still maintained his position of desire to cooperate in furnishing information to the Bureau that is now in his possession but that there was an inward battle going on within him concerning certain matters with respect to reactivation and how he might resolve a possible about face to some of his close friends and members of his family. He made it clear that insofar as furnishing information was concerned he would do same without reservation and that in future conversations he would be detailed and at times verbose because he believes the Bureau in many cases has been misinformed by many so-called "experts" on Communism, Communist Party activities and strategy, and Russian intelligence training. He stated that he referred specifically to individuals of the caliber of PAUL CROUCH, BEN GITLOW, JOHN LAUTNER, and FRANK MEYER and added that testimony by such individuals on informatic which he did not believe they were authorities on might cause future embarrassment to the Bureau.

Concerning inward battle above referred to, the informant said that he could understand the Bureau's view that his potential value might be greatly increased provided he did not openly break with the Party, but he advised that

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he was having difficulty in placing the overall benefit that might accrue ahead of personal friendships with individuals who are acquainted with his political views. He said that he is disturbed because he has made some new non-Party friends who have befriended him in time of need, providing financial assistance and encouragement, who would necessarily become aware of any open Party activities on the part of the informant. The informant also repeated that he would insist on making some explanation to his wife and son in the immediate future in the event that it was decided upon that he would attempt to openly become active in the Party. He reiterated that he was not declining in any way to consider reactivation but merely was restating the problems involved. He added that any proposed reactivation plan must be carefully and slowly made and every angle must be considered before a positive step is taken.

CG-5824-S then repeated that in his opinion and based upon his reading of testimony and books by former Communists the public and the Bureau appear to be confused concerning the visits of individual comrades to Russia relative to the meanings of these visits and whether or not they are of political significance. He stated that the average man who goes to Russia has no knowledge of the Russian system of espionage or training of Communists on an international scale. This individual is sent to Russia for a specific purpose and while in Russia is restricted in his contacts and only has information regarding the specific training or purpose for which he is sent. Generally speaking, such an individual can furnish little information concerning the activities of any other individual who is then in Russia other than to possibly identify the individual being there or to possibly furnish some information in the event the other individual is undertaking the same general training as the person furnishing the information.

The informant stated that the above statements are made concerning his personal knowledge of the way things were handled in Russia during the late 1920's and early 1930's, but it is his belief that the same conditions were prevalent subsequent to the dates of which he has personal knowledge. He stated that he was referring specifically to the manner in which students at the Lenin School, the Russian Institute, and the Moscow University were handled.

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The informant then asked the agent if he or the Bureau was aware of why he, the informant, was given authority while in Russia such as other Americans were not given. Without waiting a reply, the informant answered his own inquiry by saying that he would give the complete explanation as to how he had so much authority over other American students while in Russia on the occasion of a subsequent interview. He added that many students while in Russia used fictitious names and that the Russians encouraged this practice and even told the students to use fictitious names of other students so that at times the same name was being used by two or three students then in Russia. This practice was encouraged by the Russians to spread confusion in reporting information on specific individuals.

The informant then brought up the name of WILLIAM WEINER, describing him as an important person in the Communist movement in this country, but added that WEINER's Russian connections were not great. He indicated that WEINER had little or no formal Marxist education in Russia. He stated that he knows WEINER's Communist Party history in detail and will elaborate on this at a later date.

The discussion then centered about WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and the attitude of the Russian Communists toward FOSTER. The informant said that FOSTER is not wholly trusted by the Russians because of his previous political and general background prior to his entering into the Communist Party movement. The informant then generalized on the struggle among national Communist Party leaders for Russian support and for leadership in the Communist Party between FOSTER and EARL BROWDER which, according to the informant, existed for many years. The informant described BROWDER as a more intelligent individual than FOSTER and as an individual more completely trusted by the Russians due to his excellent Marxist background. He said that FOSTER lacks leadership qualities and a satisfactory Marxist background.

Describing the FOSTER-BROWDER struggle for power in the Communist Party - USA in the early 1940's which reached its peak following the publication of the Duclos Letter, the informant said that EUGENE DENNIS played an important part in the struggle and until the Duclos Letter, DENNIS gave support to the BROWDER faction. The informant advised that DENNIS sold out to the FOSTER faction and to the pro-Russian

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leadership of the Communist Party - USA immediately on the publication of the Duclos Letter and became the leader of the Communist Party attack of BROWDER.

When FOSTER took the leadership of the Communist Party - USA in 1945, according to the informant, DENNIS became aware of his, DENNIS', vulnerable position insofar as his close BROWDER tie was known to FOSTER. For that reason DENNIS was instrumental in maneuvering the transfer of GIL GREEN, a FOSTER man, to Chicago as District No. 8 Chairman and brought the informant to New York to strengthen his position. DENNIS gradually won the favor of FOSTER and began a campaign to do a job on the informant in his "Daily Worker" position because of DENNIS' suspicion that the informant had strong BROWDER leanings and beliefs.

The climax of the factional dispute insofar as the informant was concerned began in 1946 following a speech by HENRY WALLACE at which WALLACE, who had previously been supported by the "Worker," made an open attack on the Communist Party. The informant said that in preparing the editorial concerning the WALLACE speech he, the informant, took the position that WALLACE should not be attacked by the Party, but instead the Party should as a matter of strategy set forth its continued support of WALLACE because of his, WALLACE's, advocacy of peace and international cooperation and because of WALLACE's general social program. The informant wrote his editorial concerning the WALLACE speech along the lines set forth above, but FOSTER ordered a direct attack on WALLACE and this attack so appeared in the "Daily Worker" with the informant, of course, being responsible in the eyes of the Party for writing the editorial. In December, 1946, at a National Committee meeting, the informant's views and editorial policy were attacked by a group of Committee members including PETER CACCHIONE, SCHNEIDERMAN, BEN DAVIS, and others, after which DENNIS delivered a somewhat conciliatory speech concerning the problems of the editor of the "Daily Worker" and FOSTER at the last minute admitted that he had ordered the strategy and editorial concerning the WALLACE speech. The informant nevertheless said that as a result of the activities of the DENNIS faction, the die was cast and DENNIS placed his man, JOHN GATES, as editor of the "Daily Worker" because their views were closer on strategy than were the views of DENNIS and the informant.

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The informant then repeated certain matters pertaining to his visit to Moscow in 1947 to report on the Big Four Foreign Ministers Conference then in progress. He stated that he did get around to talk with certain people and will cover the details of his findings during later discussions.

The informant then as a result of inquiry made specific statements concerning the status of BEN DAVIS. He described DAVIS as completely lacking in Marxist training, as strictly an opportunist, and as an individual whose morals were tolerated by the Party because he is a Negro and because he was formerly a prominent Negro having been elected to the City Council of New York. The informant advised that DAVIS' egotistical views have caused numerous altercations between other leading Negro comrades in the national setup including RAY HANSBOROUGH, now deceased, who was described by the informant as a leading theoretical Marxist. The informant said that as a result of HANSBOROUGH's illness and bad treatment during his illness by the Party, he, the informant, knows that HANSBOROUGH's wife, ROMANIA FERGUSON, who was described as one of the top Negro women Communists in the country, is very bitter. The informant stated that he was close to HANSBOROUGH and his wife and personally knows of the wife's feelings toward certain Communist Party national leaders.

DOXEY WILKINSON was briefly discussed and the informant stated that WILKINSON is primarily a scholar but in his opinion is somewhat of an opportunist although he believes that WILKINSON originally became interested in the Party because he believed the Party offered the Negro greater opportunities. It is the informant's opinion that WILKINSON will eventually come to realize that the Communist Party is not acting in the interest of his race, but instead is using his race in the interest of Communism.

The informant briefly mentioned that he has closely followed the newspaper accounts and other information available which indicates that the government has always considered J. PETERS as a fabulous character in the history of the Communist Party - USA and in international Communist activity. The informant said that he would go into great detail on this individual and his activities as he knew them, but said that PETERS in the 1930's was a much more important person than he was in the 1940's and that as the years progressed, PETERS' prestige and authority dwindled to almost a negative state.

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The informant made brief comments concerning WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, mentioning that CHAMBERS was an important man for a few years among a small group of people and was engaged in important work. This statement was made by the informant during a general discussion as to the scope of information that the informant might have in his possession, and it is believed the above remark referring to CHAMBERS was made with the specific purpose of implying that he, the informant, believed he had information of a broader scope and of better quality than did CHAMBERS.

At 1:30 PM, the informant advised that he desired the agent to remain and have lunch with him and to continue discussions thereafter. It is pointed out that throughout the morning the agent constantly made inquiry concerning the informant's health and made suggestions that the conversation should not be extended over any great period of time. To all these suggestions the informant indicated that he felt quite well that morning and desired to continue discussions and further that he would advise the agent as soon as he felt the interview should be terminated.

The afternoon session was devoted to matters relating to a coming to a meeting of minds concerning problems involving reactivation, health, and personal problems of the informant. The following matters were specifically discussed:

1. Health and future medical care

It was agreed that for security reasons an abrupt break with the informant's present Party physician, Dr. SOLOMON PEARLMAN, should be avoided. It was felt that at the proper time, in perhaps a month or two, the informant can lay a proper foundation with PEARLMAN to bring in a new non-Party heart specialist.

2. Assurances of confidential and secure handling of information furnished

The informant said that he believes that real progress has been made as a result of discussions in satisfying him in the ability of the Bureau to afford him maximum security with regard to information furnished. He also expressed some pleasure in the progress being made to reach a common understanding concerning the problems involved and the best way to attack the Communist Party as well as Russian

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Communist imperialism. He advised that prior to discussing specific matters, he wants to be assured that the understanding between him and the Bureau is such that once he begins to furnish information he will never have to come to a point where he feels that he should have to withhold any information. He reiterated that his confidence in the Bureau itself could be greatly strengthened if a high Bureau official was at least an oral witness to some of the more important preliminary matters being discussed. The agent explained to him that high Bureau officials are being kept advised in detail of the discussions now in progress, and further that the Special Agent in Charge is personally cognizant of all matters being discussed.

The informant then said that with regard to information he could think of one matter which is particularly important and if it would be mishandled could not only identify him but could be used in the wrong way by either newspapers or magazines, and for that reason he would feel better if definite personal assurance was received by him from a high Bureau official concerning the intention of the Bureau in handling this information from a purely intelligence standpoint or for investigative purposes.

3. Security re meeting places

It was agreed that for the time being at least discussions would necessarily have to continue at the informant's residence because of his health. Later efforts will be made to work out a program wherein meetings will be held at places believed secure, possibly in hotels outside the loop, or in the alternative possible night meetings can be arranged.

It was agreed that telephone contacts would be limited to general matters re health, etc., and that no names would be mentioned. It should be explained that the informant has access to a party line and this matter was discussed in detail. It is the informant's opinion that he should not make efforts to obtain a single line because the telephone is not in his name and if he should request a single line, certain explanations would have to be made.

The possibility of visitors at the informant's residence was discussed and the agent was told that he has few visitors, but it was agreed advisable that when national functionaries of the

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Communist Party are known to be in town for special reasons or for meetings, contacts between the agent and the informant should be avoided.

The use of a wire recorder only during periods in which discussions are being held with the agent was brought up and the informant believes that the use of such equipment might be advisable if security can be maintained. It should be noted that at the present time the informant speaks with effort and that he does not care to repeat his statements because it involves added exertion.

4. Trip to Florida

The informant insists that he must lay the groundwork for reactivation by settling certain matters with his wife and son by a personal and confidential contact at Miami, Florida. He expressed a desire to make such a trip for this purpose in possibly two weeks if his health permits and stated that he can either travel by plane or train, but that it would be more comfortable to travel by Stratoliner because of the time element and because the ordinary discomforts of travel could be avoided by plane travel. In the event he makes this trip, the informant advised that he would probably remain about two weeks. Further discussions re the trip were deferred for the time being.

5. Attitude toward payment for services rendered

The informant has adopted a realistic approach to this matter, but at the same time has advised the agent to recall that prior to the mention of money, he had agreed to furnish information in his possession. His reason for willingness to discuss the money angle is presently based on certain matters that have been raised during the discussions, particularly in reference to reactivation and to agreement to defer writing his book. No specific amounts of remuneration have been discussed. The informant has advised that he is presently \$4,000 in debt for medical advancements made by friends and relatives. His father is presently in the hospital undergoing specialist treatments for his eyes. Recent checks received by the informant from New York 694-S for informant's personal use have been turned over in toto to the informant's father.

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6. Re Captain MAX SCHLOSSBERG, Serial No. O-1182701 (brother of SYLVIA SCHLOSSBERG, owner of premises where informant resides)

The informant raised another matter which has occurred to him and which is causing him great concern. Specifically, he stated that he is worried about possible consequences that may impair the future in the United States Army of Captain MAX SCHLOSSBERG resulting from his relationship with his sister, SYLVIA SCHLOSSBERG, and because of the informant's residence at the home of SYLVIA SCHLOSSBERG. He said that he was worried because MAX SCHLOSSBERG, as well as no member of his family with the exception of SYLVIA SCHLOSSBERG, has never had any Communist Party affiliation or any pro-Soviet views.

The informant advised that SYLVIA SCHLOSSBERG had made an inward break with the Communist Party and her pro-Soviet views at about the time of the Soviet-Nazi marriage in 1939. He stated that she possibly registered with the Communist Party in 1940, but he had personal knowledge that she was not registered during the years subsequent to that time. Her main activity during the war was in the JAFRC and the informant advised that SYLVIA SCHLOSSBERG did do some leg work and clerical work for him in behalf of the Communist Party up until 1944 and 1945.

The informant advised that in 1944 SYLVIA SCHLOSSBERG married ED STARR and divorced him during 1946. One of the reasons she divorced ED STARR was because he could not share her anti-Soviet views.

The informant advised that SYLVIA SCHLOSSBERG has not been active in the Communist Party since probably 1945 although she has maintained her contact with some close personal comrade friends for personal reasons, but she in no way shares their political belief nor is she under their influence. The informant advised that MAX SCHLOSSBERG was instrumental in influencing his sister that the Soviet cause was wrong and in bringing her around to her present anti-Soviet views. The informant described SYLVIA SCHLOSSBERG as presently being violently anti-Soviet and anti-Communist and completely in conformance with the informant's political beliefs.

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The above information concerning MAX SCHLOSSBERG was furnished to the Bureau by separate communication captioned above on April 29, 1952, because CIC had made inquiry concerning MAX SCHLOSSBERG of the Chicago Office as recently as April, 1952, at which time CIC was furnished information to the effect no active investigation had ever been conducted on MAX SCHLOSSBERG and further that Chicago had no pertinent information concerning him with the exception of the Communist Party activity of his sister, SYLVIA SCHLOSSBERG. This information was furnished to the Bureau for whatever action it might deem advisable because it was felt that first of all CIC should be advised of the latest information concerning SCHLOSSBERG in fairness to him and further because it was felt that should anything happen in the way of jeopardizing SCHLOSSBERG's military career, this action might result in jeopardizing the potential of the informant concerning future reactivation.

At 3:15 PM, the informant complained of pains in the region of his heart and the interview was immediately terminated, but the agent remained until 3:57 PM to assist the informant. As the agent departed, the informant had taken certain medicants and was lying down. He appeared to be in pain but nevertheless he minimized the attack.

As a result of his physical condition, the agent advised the informant that he would insist that future discussions be strictly limited to time because in the agent's opinion the attack was brought on because of the length of the interview.

On April 29 and April 30, telephonic contact was had with the informant and he appeared to have recovered from the attack of April 28. He, in fact, on April 30, requested the agent to contact him briefly for certain suggestions he might have concerning the steel strike.

Evaluation of Interview of April 28 and Plans for Future Discussions

The informant's general demeanor during the above interview gave the agent the impression of a desire to aid the Bureau in every way possible consistent with the condition of his health.

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He has certain problems as set out above, which must be resolved as soon as possible, and, of course, improvement of health should be the primary concern in any program of action. It is believed that the material generally discussed with the informant regarding the inner Party factionalism, Russian educational institutions, and his intimate knowledge of individual leaders of the Communist Party is indicative of the quality of information in his possession. He has a keen, analytical mind of Marxist theory and Communist strategy as well as the manner in which the Russians are thinking and in that connection could be useful in the future. The monetary approach, though he appears to want to give the impression that it has not caused him to plan a course of future action, is believed to definitely appeal to him.

In connection with the improvement of the informant's health, this office in the next few days will contact reliable heart specialists concerning the possibility of the improvement of his health and an effort will be made to ascertain the most prominent specialists in the field.

In the matter of the use of a wire recorder, it is believed advisable to use it only during interviews if it can be found that the equipment is portable and can be taken in and out of the premises with security. Inquiry is being made by this office concerning the possible rental of such equipment or the cost if such equipment must be purchased. This is being done as per Bureau request and the Bureau will be advised of the details concerning rental cost and security and authority will be requested for the use of such technical equipment if this office feels that the use is warranted.

Concerning the informant's proposed trip to Florida, it is believed that he will continue to insist on a personal contact with his wife and son. If authority for the payment of this individual is received from the Bureau as requested in Chicago letter of April 25, it is believed that no financial offer for the payment of expenses in connection with this trip will be made to the informant. It is the plan of this office, if the informant insists on explaining possible future activities to his wife and son, to attempt to get him to conceal any possible connection he may have with the Bureau from his wife and son and to lay the groundwork for possible future reactivation with his wife and son along general lines to the effect that they are

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cognizant of his present general political views, that these views have not changed, that he has decided to follow a course consistent with his views, and that despite anything they might see or hear about him, they should trust in his good judgment and should recall his true statement to them that he has not changed his political views. He will be instructed that he should tell his wife and son that they must keep his statements to them in confidence and that he cannot further amplify his explanation at the present time.

It is the plan of this office to continue the discussions with this informant along general lines for at least one or two additional contacts and at the same time to attempt to resolve his personal problems and to satisfy him concerning security, etc. This plan is being followed because the informant's remarks have indicated a favorable reaction to the above procedure and it is presently not believed advisable to ask him to furnish information on specific matters before he indicates he is ready to follow this course. An effort is being made to make the informant think along the lines of furnishing information now in his possession and let the problem of reactivation for the future; however, he has indicated that he believes that the matters are interlocked and that prior to specific discussion he wants to arrive at definite agreement concerning all phases of the proposed plan of action.

It is the intention of the agent handling informant to contact the informant briefly on April 30 as per his request and only in connection with his ideas and suggestions in connection with the steel strike. The tentative agreement between the agent and the informant concerning a meeting on May 2 for further general discussions will be carried out if his health permits.

The Bureau and New York will be kept advised of all developments.

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CPUSA, TOPLEV, ISC. CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. REBUTEL MAY FOUR INST. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S CONTACTED INSTANT DATE AND ADVISED OF BUREAU AUTHORIZATION FOR CGO TRIP. NY SIX NINE FOUR S ADVISED HE WILL MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS ON INSTANT DATE AND ON MAY FIVE NEXT IN CONNECTION WITH FAMILY AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATE FOR CHICAGO TRIP. WILL MAKE TRIP AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. WILL ADVISE ON AFTERNOON OF MAY FIVE NEXT EXACT DATE OF TRAVEL. NY WILL ADVANCE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER EXPENSES. BUREAU AND CGO WILL BE KEPT ADVISED

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TO : SAC H. T. O'CONNOR

FROM : SA WILLIAM L. RYAN

SUBJECT: CP, USA
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DATE: May 5, 1952

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I contacted Supervisor CHARLES GHENT, of the Detroit Office, at 11:10 A.M. today and advised that we are interested in determining whether CG-5824-S can be reactivated in the Communist Party, and requested that he discreetly determine from [] any information in that informant's possession concerning the present feeling of the national leadership of the Communist Party toward CG-5824-S. I told GHENT that I was telephonically advising him of this matter since we desired that no more individuals of the Detroit Office than was absolutely necessary learn of our relationship with CG-5824-S and requested that when he gave his results that he send it back to Chicago by June letter and also advise the Bureau. I pointed out that the New York Office had suggested that we might desire to contact the Detroit informant for this purpose.

I told GHENT that under no circumstances should it be indicated to the Detroit informant that CG-5824-S was being utilized by the Chicago Office and if the Detroit Office felt that they could not query their informant without exposing Chicago's informant the contact should not be made.

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Chicago, Illinois
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REACTIVATION, CLAIMING HE HAS BROKEN WITH PARTY AND DOES NOT
WANT TO GO BACK INTO ACTIVE PARTY ACTIVITY. ON THE OTHER HAND
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CONSIDERATION. INFORMANT WAS CRITICAL OF STRESS BUREAU PLACES
ON REACTIVATION AND SAYS HE FEELS BUREAU UNDERESTIMATES HIS
FORMER IMPORTANCE AND THE INFO HE NOW HAS IN POSSESSION. HE
FEELS THAT IN EFFECT THE BASIS FOR BUREAU PROPOSAL CENTERS
ON REACTIVATION AND THAT PRESENT INFO IN HIS POSSESSION THOUGH
VALUABLE WOULD ONLY BE INCIDENTAL IN BUREAU'S EVALUATION OF HIS
USEFULNESS. INFORMANT ADVISED RE PROPOSAL FOR MEDICAL EXAM AND
FUTURE TREATMENT AND AGAIN EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT IN HIS OPINION ALL
PROPOSALS ARE CENTERED ON REACTIVATION. ON MATTER OF MONEY, IN-
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HE CLAIMED THAT ORIGINALLY MATTER OF MONEY HAD NOT BEEN A MOTIVATING FACTOR IN HIS CONSENTING TO INTERVIEW AND THAT MONEY CONSIDERATIONS AROSE ONLY AFTER REACTIVATION PROPOSALS WERE MADE BY AGENT. DISCUSSION WAS INCONCLUSIVE DUE TO INFORMANT'S REFUSAL TO REALISTICALLY EVALUATE PROPOSALS MADE TO HIM, HOWEVER IT IS BELIEVED THAT INFORMANT MAY HAVE TAKEN WHAT APPEARS TO BE NEGATIVE POSITIONS IN ORDER FOR HIM TO DISCUSS MATTER FULLY WITH NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S. HE AGAIN EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR CONVERSATIONS WITH POSSIBLY THE SAC, CLAIMING THAT BY SPEAKING TO SUCH OFFICIAL HE MIGHT BE RELIEVED OF CERTAIN PERSONAL FEARS. HIS REACTION TO PROPOSALS CENTERING AROUND REACTIVATION IS CAUSING AGENT TO GET IMPRESSION THAT THERE MAY BE REAL DOUBT IN INFORMANT'S MIND OF ABILITY TO REACTIVATE. HE REPEATED INTENTION OF GIVING INFO RE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF CP USA WITHOUT RESERVATIONS. HE INDICATED DESIRE FOR AGENT TO SPEAK TO NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S AND IF NECESSARY THIS INFORMANT WILL BE SEEN BY AGENT ON MAY SIX OR SEVEN AFTER SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS ARE INSURED. IT IS BELIEVED CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S WILL BE GUIDED BY ADVICE OF NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S RE ALL FUTURE PLANS OF ACTION. BUREAU AND NY WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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WEEKS. HE ADVISED THAT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S IS SERIOUSLY
CONSIDERING REACTIVATION AND THAT HE, NY SIX NINE FOUR S, HAS
ADVISED CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S THAT IN HIS OPINION AN OPEN
BREAK WOULD BE INOPPORTUNE AND INEFFECTIVE AT THIS TIME AND
THAT HE, NY SIX NINE FOUR S, WAS SUGGESTING REACTIVATION. NY
SIX NINE FOUR S SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION THE DECIDING FACTOR
IN INFORMANT'S MIND RE REACTIVATION CENTERS AROUND THE BUREAU'S
SELLING TO INFORMANT THE FACT OF SECURE HANDLING OF INFORMATION
BEING FURNISHED SO AS TO GIVE INFORMANT MAXIMUM PERSONAL SECURITY.
NY SIX NINE FOUR S STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION INFORMANT'S CONFIDENCE
RE BUREAU SECURITY WOULD BE GREATLY INCREASED BY AT LEAST ORAL
ASSURANCE OF SAC ON THIS MATTER AND HE BELIEVES THAT THIS MEETING
WOULD IN FACT RESULT IN INFORMANT'S AGREEMENT TO REACTIVATE. NY
SIX NINE FOUR S SUGGESTS THAT MEETING WITH SAC AND INFORMANT BE
ARRANGED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD HAVE ALMOST

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Special Agent in Charge

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IMMEDIATE RESULTS. NY SIX NINE FOUR S BELIEVES THAT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S IS IN POSITION TO REACTIVATE AND BASES VES THIS OPINION ON THE FACT THAT NY SIX NINE FOUR'S SISTER IN LAW AND HUSBAND, THE LATTER OF WHOM IS ON TRIAL IN NY, CONTINUE TO BE FRIENDLY WITH NY SIX NINE FOUR S. MATTERS RELATING TO MONEY PAYMENTS DISCUSSED AND NY SIX NINE FOUR S DOES NOT FEEL THAT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S SHOULD BE OFFERED MONEY UNTIL AGENT FEELS THAT INFORMANT BELIEVES HE IS FURNISHING VALUABLE INFORMATION. HOWEVER, INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S WOULD REACT FAVORABLY IF PLANE TICKET WAS PURCHASED FOR HIM TO VISIT SON IN FLORIDA IN NEAR FUTURE TO GIVE SON EXPLANATION RE POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTIVITIES. INFORMANT IS OF THE OPINION THAT IF PLANE TICKET WAS PURCHASED THE GESTURE WOULD CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO INCREASE CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR'S CONFIDENCE IN THE BUREAU. PLANS DISCUSSED RE MEDICAL TREATMENT AND NY SIX NINE FOUR S MADE SUGGESTIONS RE COVERS, DETAILS WHICH WILL BE FURNISHED BY LETTER.

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Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Chicago, Ill.
May 7, 1952

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

ENCODE UNDERLINED WORDS

DIRECTOR, FBI, SAC NEW YORK ATTENTION A. H. BELMONT
 CP, USA, TOPLEV, IS, C. RE CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S. NY
 SIX NINE FOUR S TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED MAY SEVENTH INSTANT
 THAT IN TALKS WITH CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S DURING PAST DAY
 AND A HALF HE BELIEVES THAT BASIC DISAGREEMENTS IN PLAN OF
 ACTION SUGGESTED BY THE BUREAU HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. CG FIVE
 EIGHT TWO FOUR S HAS ASSURED HIM OF HIS FULL COOPERATION WITH
 THE BUREAU AND THAT HE WILL HELP THE BUREAU AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
 NY SIX NINE FOUR S ADVISED THAT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S IS
 STILL RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT COMPENSATION BUT AS A RESULT OF
 HIS TALKS WITH INFORMANT HE HAS BECOME FAMILIAR WITH CG
 FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND HE BELIEVES
 THAT SOME MONETARY AGREEMENT SHOULD BE MADE ONCE INFORMANT
 IS FURNISHING INFORMATION. NY SIX NINE FOUR S CONTEMPLATES
 CALL TO WILLIAM LAWRENCE AND POSSIBLY TO LENA SCHERRER ON
 ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK RE SUBJECT IN AN EFFORT TO PLACE THEM
 IN CONTACT WITH CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S. NY SIX NINE FOUR
 S ARRIVING NEW YORK IN PM MAY SEVENTH AND WILL BE IN CONTACT
 WITH AGENTS ON AM OF MAY EIGHT. CHICAGO IS IN DAILY TELEPHONE
 CONTACT WITH CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S AND IF HEALTH PERMITS

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WILL SEE HIM MAY EIGHT OR NINTH. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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Special Agent in Charge

SAC, New York
Director, FBI

May 6, 1952

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
DEVELOPMENT OF TOP-LEVEL SECURITY INFORMANTS
(TOPLEV)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bufile 100-3-99)

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cc
For this file
CG 5824-S
(Bufile 61-7665)

It is noted that you have contacted [] to ascertain whether CG 5824-S is still in good standing in the Communist Party. Your informant [] stated that he does not know whether CG 5824-S is presently active, and it is indicated that the Chicago informant may still be acceptable to the Party.

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In your next contact with [] you should, if possible, discreetly ascertain whether he is able to furnish an opinion concerning the activity of CG 5824-S and the attitude of Party leaders to the Chicago informant.

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The Detroit Office in the next contact with [] should inquire as to whether the Detroit informant is acquainted with CG 5824-S and obtain any information the Detroit informant may have on the standing of CG 5824-S in Party circles.

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All offices should keep the Bureau advised concerning the possibility of the reactivation of CG 5824-S.

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Detroit

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SAC URGENT

RE--CP, USA. TOPLEV. IS-C. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED-THREE-NINETYNINE.
RE-CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR-S. BUFILE SIXTYONE-SEVEN SIX SIX FIVE.
REURTELS MAY SEVEN. IN PREVIOUS BUTEL YOU WERE ADVISED TO IMPRESS
UPON INFORMANT THE FACT THAT SAC, CHICAGO IS OFFICIAL BUREAU REPRESENTATIVE
IN THAT AREA. WHEN SAC RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD
BE MADE FOR HIM TO MEET THE INFORMANT ~~HE~~ AND FURNISH HIM ANY NECESSARY
ASSURANCES RE SECURITY OF OPERATION SINCE INFORMANT'S BROTHER INDICATES
PAYMENT OF INFORMANT AT THIS TIME MAY BE PREMATURE, *CONSIDER WITH-*
HOLDING COMPENSATION TO INFORMANT UNTIL HE IS FURNISHING INFORMATION OF
VALUE. *A* AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO PURCHASE ROUND-TRIP PLANE TICKET TO
FLORIDA FOR INFORMANT TO VISIT HIS SON AND ANY NECESSARY EXPENSES IN CON-
ECTION WITH THIS TRIP MAY ALSO BE PAID. KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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ATTENTION - ASST. DIR. A.H. BELMONT.

CP, USA, TOPLEV, IS - C. CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. ON MAY EIGHT LAST, NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE NYO AND ADVISED OF HIS RETURN. WAS PERSONALLY CONTACTED DURING AFTERNOON OF MAY EIGHT AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFO RE TRIP TO CHICAGO. INFORMANT ADVISED THAT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR IS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PROGRAM WITH BUREAU, THAT HE GETS SO EXCITED AND ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IT THAT IT IMPAIRS HIS PHYSICAL CONDITION TO A SLIGHT EXTENT, THAT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR HAS BEEN ASSURED OF FULL SECURITY AND WILL FURNISH ALL INFO IN HIS POSSESSION, THAT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR WILL ACCEPT SAC CHICAGO AS THE HIGH RANKING BUREAU OFFICIAL TO CONFER WITH., THAT ALL PROBLEMS AND QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE CONFRONTED HIM HAVE BEEN RESOLVED AND THAT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR IS READY TO COMMENCE COOPERATING ONE HUNDRED PER CENT WITH BUREAU. NY SIX NINE FOUR BELIEVES REACTIVATION OF CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR IN CP WILL HAVE TO BE A VERY SLOW PROCESS. NY SIX NINE FOUR BELIEVES CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR WILL BE AMENABLE TO ACCEPTING COMPENSATION ONCE HE STARTS FURNISHING INFO ON A FULL SCALE.

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CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR ADVISED NY SIX NINE FOUR THAT IF NY SIX NINE FOUR IS APPROACHED BY BU AGENTS FOR INFO CONCERNING ANY INDIVIDUALS HE SHOULD BE STRAIGHT FORWARD AND FURNISH ALL INFO IN HIS POSSESSION. THUS IT APPEARS THAT CG FIVE EIGHTTWO FOUR IS UNAWAREOF NY SIX NINE FOUR ACTING AS AN INFORMANT OF THIS OFFICE. NY SIX NINE FOUR WAS VERY HIGH IN HIS PRAISE OF SA CARL FREYMAN OF CHICAGO, AND OF THE MANNER IN WHICH HE HAS HANDLED THE CONTACTS WITH CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR. STATED THAT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR IS "COMPLETELY SOLD" ON FREYMAN AND HAS STATED THAT THE BUREAU COULD NOT HAVE PICKED A BETTER MAN FOR THE ASSIGNMENT.

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ATT: Director, FBI (100-3-99)
Asst. Director A. H. BELMONT
SAC, New York (66-6369)

May 9, 1952
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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
TOPLEV;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

CG 5824-S

Re Chicago letter dated April 25, 1952.

The following information is set forth as requested in referenced letter regarding CG 5824-S and NY 694-S:

Concerning the development of information concerning the present feelings of the national leadership of the Communist Party toward CG 5824-S, reference is made to New York teletype dated May 3, 1952, advising that no information was available from New York informants and available sources that CG 5824 has ever been expelled from the Communist Party, and that they had no information as to the possibility of informant being reactivated in high Party circles. Further, that on May 2, 1952, [redacted] advised that he has had no recent information concerning CG 5824 and that he assumes that CG 5824 is still a Communist Party member in good standing. He advised further that he does not know whether or not CG 5824-S is presently active in the Communist Party. Further that CG 5824-S was a protege of WILLIAM WEINER, described as Communist Party finance man, and through WEINER rose to prominent positions in the Communist Party. b7D

[redacted] further stated that he did not think CG 5824-S had any real natural abilities and stated that he was not too successful in the editing of the "Daily Worker". b7D

The New York Office does not feel that further inquiry should be made of [redacted] regarding CG 5824-S because in so doing it might tend to lead [redacted] to believe that the Bureau is considering approaching, or has approached CG 5824-S as an informant for the Bureau. b7D

lcc: Bureau File 100-340711 (NY 694-S)

lcc: Chicago (66-4216) AM3D

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By referenced teletype, Chicago was requested to consider requesting the Detroit Office to make inquiry of [redacted] concerning the above matter of the reactivation of CO 5824-S in high Communist Party circles.

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Concerning the request of Chicago as to the step the New York Office has taken and contemplates taking toward the reactivation of NY 694-S, the Bureau was advised by letter dated February 19, 1952 under the caption "NY 694-S" that NY 694-S has stated that he has completely divorced himself from the Communist Party and that he is now trying to lead a normal life for himself and his family. Further, that the informant divorced himself from the Party in the early part of 1948 and one of the main reasons he divorced himself was due to the treatment which the informant's brother (CO 5824-S) received from the Party from 1947 to date, this situation being that the informant's brother was removed as editor of the "Daily Worker" by JOHN GATES at the time GATES and the younger element took over the control of the Communist Party. Since that time the Communist Party has done nothing for the informant's brother and eventually he was pushed out of any Communist Party activities.

Further, that since the informant's brother has been seriously ill the Party has done nothing for him and has contacted him in no way. NY 694-S advised that in view of this ill treatment by the Communist Party of his brother, he (NY 694-S) also has an ill feeling toward the Communist Party.

NY 694-S has also advised that since he has severed his relationship with the Communist Party and has set himself up into business, he does not want to do anything that would jeopardize the business or his relationship with his business associate who is totally unaware of any connection with the Communist Party that the informant has had in the past.

The informant was very definite in his statements that he does not want to have anything more to do with the Communist Party; that it is a thing of the past which he cannot correct, and that his main desire as far as his past activities are concerned is to furnish the Bureau with any information which he can concerning the Communist Party and Communist Party members during the time that he was a member of the Party.

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NY 66-6369

In addition to the above, the informant has advised that other reasons for his break with the Communist Party were due to the death of his brother, PHILIP, who was killed while serving in the armed forces during World War II and the serious illness of his son who has had an eye removed as a result of cancer. Further, that he wants to lead a normal life for himself and his family and does not want his children to become aware of his past association with the Communist Party.

On May 5 and 8, 1952, NY 694-S, while talking to the agent of this office who is handling it, stated that in the event that CG 5824-S is reactivated in the Communist Party then he will almost have to reactivate himself, but that he is unfavorable to this action. Informant has advised that the reactivation of CG 5824-S should be a very slow process.

Concerning the request of Chicago in referenced letter of April 25, 1952, the following information is further set forth:

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HARRY HAYWOOD - According to information received from [redacted] HAYWOOD is to be expelled from the Communist Party. There is no indication of any recent activities on the part of this individual.

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[redacted] is being contacted by the New York Office concerning CG 5824-S and as soon as the information concerning CG 5824-S is received from this informant, the Bureau and Chicago Office will be advised by separate communication.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Chicago, Illinois
May 13, 1952

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

SAC MIAMI

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CP, USA, TOPLEV. IS, C. RE CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S.
FOR INFO MIAMI, CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S IS MORRIS
CHILDS, FORMER EDITOR OF DAILY WORKER AND MEMBER OF NATIONAL
COMMITTEE, CP, FOR MANY YEARS. INFORMANT VISITING WIFE HELEN
CHILDS AT MIAMI MAY FOURTEEN TO TWENTYFIVE NEXT PREPARATORY
TO REACTIVATION. MIAMI REQUESTED TO MAKE NO CONTACTS WITH
OR INQUIRY RE INFORMANT. MIAMI SUTEL UNLISTED OFFICE TELEPHONE
NUMBER IN ORDER THAT INFORMANT MAY CONTACT SAC IN EMERGENCY. H

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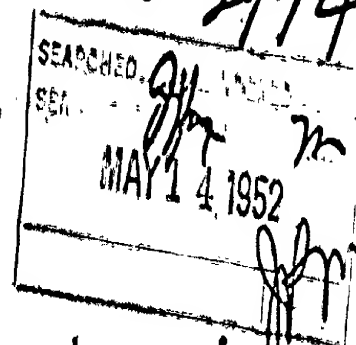
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (66-4216)

DATE: May 14, 1952

FROM : Director, FBI

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
TOPLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY - C (100-3-99)

CG 5824-S (61-7665)

Reurlets April 29 and May 1, 1952, summarizing certain problems which have arisen in connection with the reactivation of this individual in the Communist Party.

All of the matters contained in relets have been handled with the exception of the suggested notification to G-2 of current data on Sylvia and Max Schlossberg. According to CG 5824-S, Max Schlossberg has never been active in the Communist Party, but due to the Party connections of his sister, Sylvia, Max may be dismissed from the Army or administrative action may be taken against him.

According to CG 5824-S, Sylvia Schlossberg has not had any sympathy for the Communist Party since 1940 and the files of your office fail to reflect any Party association since 1945. For your information, in reply to a request from G-2 in 1950, a memorandum on Sylvia Schlossberg based upon information submitted by your office was furnished to that Agency.

There is no main file on Max Schlossberg and it is possible that a name check on him was received from the Army at the same time. The Bureau could ascertain from G-2 whether any action has been taken or is contemplated against Max Schlossberg, but in view of the status of the reactivation of CG 5824-S, it is believed no contact with G-2 should be made at this time. Dependent upon developments in the reactivation of CG 5824-S, additional consideration will be given to a contact with G-2 concerning Sylvia and Max Schlossberg.

It is not desired that you discuss this matter with CG 5824-S.

☒ Mr. Roche
☐ Mr. Armstrong
☐ Mr. McMahon
☐ Mr. Murphy
☐ Mr. Ryan
☐ Mr. Schneider
☐ Miss Dunkel
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Re CG-5824-S

Attention: A. H. BELMONT

Rebutel to Chicago dated May 2, 1952, authorizing the contacts of the above informant by NY-694-S.

In connection with the visit of NY-694-S with CG-5824-S on May 6 and 7, 1952, the New York informant made contact with SA CARL N. FREYMAN and was interviewed on the evening of May 6 from 9 to 12 p.m.

NY-694-S reported that during the day he had a long talk with CG-5824-S who expressed satisfaction with the agent with whom he had been in contact and also with the agent's basic knowledge of the political situation. CG-5824-S indicated to the informant that he was also satisfied with the general progress made to date to secure a basic understanding and plan of action. The informant told NY-694-S that he intended to give the Bureau everything and NY-694-S told the interviewing agent that CG-5824-S probably has more information than any person the Bureau has ever been in contact with both on a national and international setup as a result of more than thirty years of activity in the Communist Party.

According to NY-694-S, CG-5824-S is seriously considering reactivation and in that connection was counseled by NY-694-S along the lines that at the present time an open break with the Party would not be opportune or effective in connection with what CG-5824-S has in mind. NY-694-S advised that he had suggested to CG-5824-S that a much better plan would be for him to stay covered for a period of years and then at the right moment an exposure could be made. NY-694-S advised that it was his opinion that CG-5824-S had reacted favorably to his suggestion.

According to NY-694-S, the main hurdle that must be overcome insofar as agreement regarding reactivation of CG-5824-S is concerned, is to convince this informant on the secure handling of the information he will furnish; thus, insuring to informant maximum personal security. NY-694-S explained that CG-5824-S places such importance on the matter of security because he knows how the Communist Party operates and also how the Russians operate and how effective their efforts are in obtaining information even in government circles. NY-694-S was of the opinion that if the SAC gave CG-5824-S at least his personal, oral assurance of maximum security that this assurance would have an almost immediate result of securing informant's agreement to reactivation. NY-694-S suggested that inasmuch as the discussions

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cc: New York *66-4216-37*

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have progressed to a point where a discussion regarding the re-activation decision is imminent, arrangements be made for a meeting between the SAC and CG-5824-S as soon as possible.

NY-694-S advised that he believes that CG-5824-S is in a position to reactivate and bases his belief on the fact that NY-694-S' in-laws, ISADORE BEGUN and wife, continue their close friendship with NY-694-S and his wife. Informant explained that BEGUN is now on trial in New York and occupies a high enough Communist Party position to have been warned to keep away from NY-694-S by the Party if there was any ill feeling existing between the Party, NY-694-S, and CG-5824-S.

On the matter of money, NY-694-S advised that it was a touchy subject with CG-5824-S although he, NY-694-S, believed that the matter must necessarily be agreed on and discussed at an opportune time because of the financial condition of CG-5824-S and because reactivation would involve financial loss from book and lecture revenue which CG-5824-S had counted on. Informant explained that in his opinion actual payment of money should be brought up by the agent at a time when CG-5824-S feels that he is furnishing valuable information. In the meantime, NY-694-S felt that the primary problem in CG-5824-S' mind at present is to see his son and personally make some explanation regarding future activation plans to the son. In that connection, NY-694-S felt that instead of direct payments at this time, CG-5824-S would accept a plane ticket. Informant felt that the Bureau by so doing would increase the confidence of CG-5824-S in the Bureau. Informant suggested that this trip be made as soon as CG-5824-S' health permits and before hot weather sets in.

On the matter of health, informant commented that CG-5824-S appears to be making slow progress. He has discussed the matter with CG-5824-S and CG-5824-S wants to exhaust all possibilities to regain his health even to the extent he would seriously consider heart surgery if recommended by competent surgeons. It was explained to NY-694-S that if CG-5824-S agrees to reactivate and no information is developed that he cannot reactivate, that medical expenses for a thorough study of his case would be paid for by the Bureau and depending upon results, the Bureau will then consider payment for remedial treatment.

NY-694-S suggested that in his opinion the necessity for a proper cover for medical expenses was of great importance because the Party might cause a check to be made of any large expenditure. He made the following suggestion how a suitable cover could be arranged:

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(1) He, NY-694-S, would make appropriate contact with close friends of CG-5824-S and officials of the National Office in New York City stating that money for medical treatment was being collected to help CG-5824-S get necessary medical treatment, and that he, NY-694-S, was collecting the money. Through this course of action, word would get to top Communist people and regardless of whether or not anything was collected, the ground work would be laid for adequate cover for medical expenses. After this was laid, then funds that might be advanced by the Bureau could be delivered to NY-694-S who in turn would make payments for the medical expenses. This plan would have the dual effect of first providing an adequate cover for funds and second for allowing the control of the use of the funds by the principals themselves in order that competent medical care and specialists could then be brought in and the place of hospitalization could be more effectively controlled.

In connection with any plans finally agreed upon, NY-694-S emphasized the necessity of close liaison between NY-694-S and the Chicago Office so that security could be maintained. He advised should CG-5824-S agree to reactivity and make attempts to do so, then NY-694-S must also follow the same course of reactivation. NY-694-S said that he personally has definitely broken with the Party and is not desirous of reactivity but that he would do so if necessary in the interest of reactivity of CG-5824-S.

NY-694-S advised that following his return to New York, he intended to contact WILLIAM LAWRENCE and possibly one or two other friends of CG-5824-S and to indicate that he had seen this person and to make some short remarks concerning his health. By doing so, the informant believes that he may in this manner begin to open up again CG-5824-S' Party connections in New York.

NY-694-S was asked about SYLVIA SCHLOSSBERG in whose home CG-5824-S now resides. He said that they have been friends since childhood, having been raised in the same neighborhood. She is violently anti-Socialist and anti-Communist at the present time although she continues close friendship with some rank and file Communists. He said that if possible, she should be met by an agent because her prime concern is that she is concerned regarding the security of CG-5824-S. He described her as loyal to CG-5824-S and against the Party and felt that if assurances were given by Bureau agents regarding the providing of CG-5824-S with maximum security, that she, SCHLOSSBERG, would be of considerable potential value.

NY-694-S said that before he left Chicago on May 7 he hoped to have CG-5824-S in a frame of mind to go along completely with

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the Bureau's suggested course of action. He again repeated the statement that in his opinion CG-5824-S is probably one of the most important persons, if not the most important person, in the movement that the Bureau has ever had the opportunity of talking to.

The agent assured NY-694-S that any over-all program would be closely and carefully worked out between the New York and Chicago Offices. NY-694-S said that in connection with the medical cover, such a program itself would possibly take two months to carry out and thus make it necessary for postponement of medical treatment for CG-5824-S for possibly two months. The meeting was concluded in a friendly manner with the assurance of NY-694-S of his entire cooperation in security reactivation of CG-5824-S.

On May 7, last, NY-694-S telephonically contacted the agent and advised that he had continued his conversation with CG-5824-S on the morning of May 7 and was of the opinion that as a result of this conversation there are no basic disagreements between CG-5824-S and the Bureau as to a course of action at the present time. According to NY-694-S, CG-5824-S stated that he would be glad to cooperate with the Bureau and to help the Bureau as much as he can. NY-694-S further stated that in connection with the matter of payment of money, CG-5824-S at the present time was reluctant to accept money but it was the opinion of NY-694-S that as soon as CG-5824-S felt that he was furnishing information, money should again be discussed.

Evaluation and Contemplated Plans

As the result of the visit of NY-694-S, it is believed that his contact with CG-5824-S has caused CG-5824-S to rechart his course and to agree on reactivation. It is expected that the next interview of CG-5824-S by the agent is scheduled for May 8 or 9 and will develop first-hand information on the above matter and that definite plans will be worked out immediately.

Rebutel May 2, 1952, advised that as a first step, an effort should be made to determine the present feeling of the National Office toward the informant. In that connection, [] was contacted by the New York Office and this informant advised to his knowledge CG-5824-S was still in the Communist Party. New York advised that it did not consider that definite inquiry could be made concerning the feeling of certain members of the National Office of the Communist Party toward informant because it was believed that such inquiry might cause [] to question the reasons for the inquiry. b7D

Director, FBI

Detroit has been requested to contact [redacted] however, the results of this contact have not been furnished to Chicago to date.

It is noted that NY-694-S believes that both he and CG-5824-S are not regarded in disfavor by the National Office of the Communist Party and this opinion by NY-694-S is based on the fact that ISADORE BUN and his wife are very friendly with NY-694-S and his wife and would not be friendly if either NY-694-S or CG-5824-S were held in disfavor by the National Office.

Since it appears the Bureau sources indicate that CG-5824-S is presently believed still in the Communist Party but no positive information has yet been developed indicating whether this informant is held in favor or disfavor by certain individuals in the National Office, it is believed that the best procedure to follow in attempting to secure this information is to allow CG-5824-S to make contact through his own channels in an effort to determine this information. It is pointed out that informant has previously said he believes he can obtain this information but that he must necessarily do it cautiously and that this will take some time.

The second matter that will be discussed with CG-5824-S is the setting up of a plan for improving of his health. It is believed the suggestion of NY-694-S should be seriously considered regarding the necessity for a suitable cover for funds and that this cover may require about two months if it is to be set up. This procedure would place control of the medical expenses in the hands of NY-694-S and would also allow CG-5824-S to make his own plans for specialists and hospitalization. It will also serve to possibly determine the extent of friendship for CG-5824-S among personnel in the national office of the Communist Party. If this plan is followed, it will mean that NY-694-S will also begin reactivity and while he is reluctant to do so, nevertheless, he advised that he would consent to do so.

Regarding the payment to CG-5824-S, it is noted that Bureau authority was obtained in Bureau teletype of May 3, 1952, to make payments in the amount of \$100.00 per week for two months in the period beginning April 21, 1952. Informant declined the payment tendered on May 5 until such time as he could talk to NY-694-S.

The matter of payment will not be brought up until such time as it is felt that CG-5824-S will actually feel he is performing the service. This plan will be followed unless informant desires to speak on this matter.

Director, FBI

If informant agrees to reactivation and if information is not developed indicating positive information that he is held in disfavor by the National Office of the Communist Party as a result of contact with [] the Bureau will be requested to pay the expenses of a plane trip of the informant to Miami to visit his son and make suitable explanation regarding future activity. It is felt that the informant will accept a plane ticket at that time but not money and also the trip is necessary in furtherance of informant's plan for reactivation.

It is believed that the trip of NY-694-S has paved the way for the beginning of interviews on substantive matters in the near future and it is the intention of this office to arrange an agenda as soon as possible.

CG-5824-S has a number of cartons of documents, literature, and personal papers at his residence in Chicago and advised he will make these available in connection with future interviews. In addition, informant has papers in New York and NY-694-S has advised he will attempt to locate them following his return to New York. The value of this material will not be known until there is opportunity to examine the material.

In connection with the over-all plan, close liaison will be had with New York since reactivation plans of CG-5824-S include the use of NY-694-S both for a medical cover and for certain contact work with Party officials.

In reference to the raising of money by NY-694-S for medical care for CG-5824-S, New York is requested to instruct NY-694-S not to begin this work until Chicago has thoroughly discussed the plan with CG-5824-S and the Bureau has approved the plan.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (66-4216)

DATE: May 26, 1952

FROM : Director, FBI

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
TOPLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY - C (100-3-99)

CG-5824-S (61-7665)

Re Chicago tel 5/13 and Chicago lets 5/14 and 5/19/52.

Approval is given to the plan of NY 694-S whereby he will indicate to certain friends of CG 5824-S in New York who are in the Communist Party that CG 5824-S is in need of medical care and in view of his financial condition is in need of assistance.

Care should be taken by NY 694-S to be certain that he contacts only those individuals who would be receptive to such an approach in view of the fact that CG 5824-S has not had any active association in the Party for some years. It is possible that some antagonism may develop to such a solicitation in view of the pressing need for funds by the Communist Party itself.

The New York Office will recall that in a similar situation with another informant solicitation of comrades was not made and the Party was led to believe that the informant in that case would be glad to raise the money on his own in order that there would not be any additional burden placed upon the Party.

If NY 694-S proceeds with this plan he should maintain control of any money received in order that there can be no questions raised as to the disposition of the funds. Before NY 694-S begins any such solicitation, his proposed action should be made known to CG 5824-S through the New York and Chicago Divisions.

Authority was previously granted to reimburse the informant for the doctor fee in connection with a medical examination, and it is noted that hospital costs and specialist fees are estimated at from \$350 to \$450. In order to reactivate this informant it is necessary that his health be restored as quickly as possible. Authority is granted, therefore, to not only pay for a medical examination of the informant, but any hospitalization and doctors' fees coincidental thereto.

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Chicago should keep the Bureau advised of any change in this estimate of costs and, of course, all details of the reactivation of this informant.

New York should likewise keep the Bureau and Chicago advised of its activity in connection with the solicitation by the informant's brother of funds to assist him.

Director, FBI (100-3-99)

May 22, 1952

SAC, Detroit (66-3360)

CP, USA - TOPLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Re:

CG-5824-S
(Bufile 61-7665)

Rebulet May 6, 1952.

On May 9, 1952, [] was personally interviewed by SA FRED G. COOK and SA JOSEPH HYBLE of the Detroit Office at which time there was discussed with the Informant various Party leaders with whom he had come into contact. Reference was made to individuals involved in the sending of YCL and CP members to the U.S.S.R. during the thirties, a matter which Informant had discussed on several occasions. When CG-5824-S was mentioned Informant stated that he had either met or seen this individual many years ago but he had no recollection whatsoever of the time or place. He was unable to state whether CG-5824-S was presently active or what the attitude of Party leaders might be towards him. b7D

The Detroit Office is planning to interview at length [] newly developed Informant under the Toplev Program who may possess information relative to CG-5824-S. UACB discreet inquiry of [] will be made on this same matter at which time the name of CG-5824-S will be interspersed with those of other long time Party members who took part in similar types of activity. b7D

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(Bufile 61-7665)

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Rebulet dated 5/26/52 concerning the plan of NY 694-S to indicate to certain friends of CG 5824-S in NY that CG-5824-S is in need of medical care and assistance.

NY 694-S was advised on 6/3/52 that the Bureau had approved of his plan. This informant was cautioned to be certain that he contacted only those individuals who would be receptive to such an approach in view of the fact that CG-5824-S had not had active participation in the CP for some years.

It was pointed out to the informant that possibly some antagonism might develop to such a solicitation in view of the pressing need for funds by the CP itself. It was suggested that the informant lead the Party to believe that he was to raise the money on his own in order that there would be no additional burden placed on the Party. Informant was further advised that in the event he proceeded with this plan and received any funds, he should maintain control of any money received in order that there could be no question raised as to the disposition of the funds.

With respect to the fifth paragraph of re letter, informant anticipated first making contact with BILL LAWRENCE, former Organizational Secretary of the NY State CP, whom the informant believes has maintained contact with Party people. Informant then contemplates contacting HERMAN WALLACH, a customers man in Newberg and Co., 30 Broad Street, NYC, who in the past was associated with the CP in handling investment portfolios of CP members and sympathizers.

cc: Chicago (66-4216) ✓
NY 66-6505 (P&C)

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Letter to Director, FBI
NY 66-6989

The NY Office will advise the Bureau and Chicago of the informant's activity in connection with the solicitation by him of funds to assist CG-5824-S.

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Director, FBI

6/13/52

SAC, New York (66-6989)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

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(Bufile 100-3-99)

CG-5824-S

(Bufile 61-7665)

Remylet 6/6/52.

On 6/10/52 NY-694-S informed SA's ROBERT C. BURNS and ALEX-ANDER C. EURLINSON that he had telephonically contacted on the aforesaid date BILL LAWRENCE, former Organizational Secretary of the N.Y. State C.P., and arranged to meet LAWRENCE within a day or two. According to the informant, he indicated generally to LAWRENCE the purpose of their meeting, and the latter was most cordial to him during their brief conversation.

NY-694-S further advised that he planned to contact BARNETT SHEPHARD and HERMAN WALLACH some time within a week after his contact with LAWRENCE.

The Bureau and Chicago will be advised immediately upon receipt by this office of NY-694-S's report concerning his contact with the aforementioned individuals.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Chicago, Illinois
June 19, 1952

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, ~~CHICAGO~~ ^{NEW YORK}

URGENT

CP, USA, TOPLEV, IS DASH C. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE DASH NINE NINE; RE CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR-S. INFORMANT CONTACTED JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST BY LEON KATZEN, MISSING CP DISTRICT NO. EIGHT FINANCIAL SECRETARY, FOR FOUR AND ONE HALF HOURS. KATZEN SOUGHT INFORMANT'S ADVICE ON ORGANIZATION AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS AND WAS EXTREMELY FRIENDLY.. HE DISCUSSED INFORMANT'S PHYSICAL CONDITION, ADVISING THAT HE, KATZEN, HAD HEARD ABOUT CONTEMPLATED CLINICAL STUDY BOTH FROM NY AND CG. HE INDICATED HE WAS GLAD TO LEARN OF INFORMANT'S SLOW IMPROVEMENT AND ENCOURAGED HIM TO GO TO MAYO CLINIC SO THAT ~~HE COULD CONTRIBUTE~~ HE, INFORMANT, COULD CONTRIBUTE ~~QUOTE~~ LITTLE AT LEAST. UNQUOTE. KATZEN SAID THAT THE QUOTE PEOPLE IN NY UNQUOTE ARE QUITE INTERESTED IN INFORMANT'S IMPROVING HEALTH AND MENTIONED THAT IF NECESSARY CP MIGHT HELP SOME FINANCIALLY. KATZEN DID NOT DISCUSS COMFUGS BUT DID MENTION ACCIDENTAL MEETING WITH JACK KLING, MISSING SMITH ACT SUBJECT, ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO IN CG. ALSO MENTIONED FRANK MUCCI, MISSING DISTRICT NO. EIGHT FUNCTIONARY, AND SAID HE IS IN CG WITH A RARE DISEASE. KATZEN SAID HE, KATZEN, IS IN CG MOST OF TIME AND WHILE ORIGINALLY DOING GENERAL APPARATUS WORK, IS NOW

ENF:DHB
66-4216
Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

Sent 845 PM

Per M

Ryan Room

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

DELEGATED TO OBTAIN FUNDS AMONG INTELLECTUALS. KATZEN
MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE CONTACTS WITH INFORMANT,
BUT NO DATE SET, AND INFORMANT NOW EXPECTS ADDITIONAL
CONTACTS WITH OTHER FUNCTIONARIES. LETTER FOLLOWS.

MALONE

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (66-4216)

DATE: June 25, 1952

JST FROM : Director, FBI (100-3-99) & (61-7665)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
DEVELOPMENT OF TOP-LEVEL SECURITY INFORMANTS
(TOPLEV)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CPERSONAL ATTENTION

CG-5824-S

Re Chicago letter June 11, 1952.

Authority is granted for the New York Division to advance \$450.00 to NY-694-S which should be transmitted by him to CG-5824-S for payment of any necessary expenses in connection with the contemplated clinical examination and treatment of CG-5824-S. These funds are not to be furnished to NY-694-S until Chicago advises that the date for the necessary treatment has been determined.

The New York Division should, of course, obtain an itemization for any money which is spent and any part of the advanced sum which is not used should be returned.

Authority is also granted for the Chicago Division to continue payments to CG-5824-S at the rate of \$100.00 per week for a period of 3 months, effective June 22, 1952.

As stated in Bulet of May 14, 1952, any contact with G-2 regarding Max and Sylvia Schlossberg could very easily arouse undue interest, particularly since Max Schlossberg is in Germany. It is not felt that any action should be taken toward advising G-2 at this time and if in the future it is believed that this operation has progressed sufficiently to permit notification to G-2, full consideration will be given to such action. It is not necessary for either office to mention to either informant the Bureau's position in regard to the Schlossbergs.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC JOHN F. MALONE

DATE: June 19, 1952

FROM : SA ROBERT J. WILSON

ATTN: SUPERVISOR P. P. SCHNEIDER

SUBJECT: CG-5824-S (66-4216 -

The captioned informant resides at 7749 South Michigan Avenue and presently has access to a telephone located at that address and listed to SYLVIA SCHLOSSBERG. The telephone number is Vincennes 6-2985 which is a 2-party line.

Miss SCHLOSSBERG recently made application for a private line at her local telephone exchange at which time she was advised that her application would be accepted; however, she would have to wait her turn in obtaining a private line. No definite commitment as to the amount of time it would take was given to her.

Because of the illness of the informant, it is necessary to maintain contact with the informant by telephone and under the circumstances it is mandatory that a private line be obtained as soon as possible in order that the informant can fully discuss his past activities.

If arrangements can be made without in any way jeopardizing the security of the informant, it is requested that appropriate contact be made as soon as possible at the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. in order that approval can be obtained to install a private line. If it is possible, it is suggested that the same phone number as listed above be assigned to this private line as many CP figures in the Chicago area have this telephone number and if it is changed it will cause an undue hardship on the informant maintaining contact with various people in Chicago. This is, however, a secondary consideration, the first is to get the private line.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Chicago, Illinois
June 27, 1952

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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DIRECTOR FBI ATTN: A. H. BELMONT

CP, USA, TOPLEV. IS, C. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE DASH
NINETYNINE. RE CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S, BUFILE SIXTYONE
DASH SEVEN SIX SIX FIVE. RE CG LET JUNE ELEVEN LAST, PAGES
SEVEN AND EIGHT RE REQUEST FOR CONTINUING PAYMENTS TO INFORMANT
AFTER JUNE TWENTYTWO LAST. BUREAU REQUESTED TO SUTEL WHETHER
AUTHORITY FOR CONTINUED PAYMENT IS AUTHORIZED.

MALONE

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Approved: *JRM*
Special Agent in Charge

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Director, FBI (#61-7665)

July 2, 1952

SAC, Chicago (#66-4216)

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CG-5824-S

REGISTERED MAIL

Rebulet 6-23-52 to New Haven, captioned "SONJA EVELYN STRAND w.a.s; INTERNAL SECURITY-R; PASSPORT AND VISA MATTERS", Bufile 61-8698, and particularly to page 2, paragraph 1.

It is noted that in referenced paragraph CG-5824-S is referred to under his true name. Inasmuch as this informant is presently attempting to reactivate himself in the Communist Party and is extremely security conscious, it is requested that the Bureau give consideration to submitting corrected pages to the offices receiving a copy of relet and that in the future the Bureau refer to this informant by symbol number only.

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- ☒ Mr. Dennis
- ☒ Mrs. Dolan
- ☒ Miss Dunkel
- ☒ Mr. Frankfurt
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- ☒ Mr. McMahon
- ☒ Mr. Murphy
- ☒ Miss Ryan
- ☒ Mr. Schneider
- ☒ Miss Gray
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- ☒ Leave Clerk
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SAC, CHICAGO

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CPUSA TOPLEV, IS DASH C. RE CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. REURTEL
JULY EIGHT LAST. ARRANGMENTS MADE FOR SUBJ. TO PASS THRU CLINIC
JULY TWELVE. CONTACT MADE WITH CONFIDENTIAL CONTACT AT MAYO CLINIC.
IF ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE DESIRED MPLS. OFFICE CAN ARRANGE SUCH THROUG
CONFIDENTIAL CONTACTS IF ADVISED OF NATURE OF ASSISTANCE. RUC.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (66-4216)
FROM : *gix* Director, FBI (100-3-99; 61-7665)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
TOPLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: July 14, 1952

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CG-5824-S

Reurlet July 1, 1952.

According to reference letter, a problem has arisen concerning the location of meeting places with this informant. The informant believes that such locations must be constantly changed for security reasons because he is known to thousands of Communists and former Communists in the Chicago area. The health of the informant is such that he cannot ride streetcars and it was his opinion that if he could be furnished with an automobile, it would be much easier to arrange meeting places and he could also much easier contact individuals in the Communist Party to re-establish himself and later to attend meetings. In view of the informant's financial condition, the Bureau was requested to consider the purchase of a used automobile, the cost of which would not exceed \$750.

The Bureau does not feel that such an automobile should be purchased and additional arrangements should be perfected to meet with the informant away from his residence. If he is not able to ride streetcars, you should consider the use of other public transportation, such as taxicabs. In reference letter it was also stated that the informant has indicated he is spending about \$10 per week on Party literature and if he is to assume an important position in the Party, he will probably spend more than \$10 per week as people in the Party will come to him for advice and he will be expected to know the current national and international Party line.

You did not set forth any breakdown of this \$10 per week amount, which appears to be excessive. You requested authority to pay the informant \$15 per week to take care of this item and, also, an amount not to exceed

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\$20 per month for other actual expenses incurred. It is realized that the informant must entertain certain Comrades and entail necessary expenses if he is to become re-established in the Party, and authority is granted to pay him up to \$75 per month for all expenses actually incurred for all purposes in connection with this informant's development.

You should, of course, obtain receipts or otherwise account for all moneys expended under this authorization, which may be considered effective July 1, 1952, and continue for a period of three months. At the end of one month, or by August 1, 1952, you should submit an itemization of all expenses incurred by the informant for which he has received reimbursement from your office. This information should be set forth in a separate letter to the Bureau under the informant's caption without any other data relating to his development.

With regard to the informant's indebtedness, it may be possible for him to work out a solution based upon his present income from the Bureau, but if his obligations become pressing and you formulate some specific plans in regard to these debts, you should furnish any such plans to the Bureau in a separate communication.

You should continue to carefully handle this informant to obtain the maximum benefit from his services and in the future when requesting authorization from the Bureau for any particular matter, such requests can be more easily handled if submitted in individual communications and not set forth in multiple fashion.